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Snow Depths On Brown Duck Nears 54 Inches

The average depth of snow is 53.6 inches, with a water content of 15.6 inches on the Brown Duck snow course above Moon Lake, according to a snow survey report made by Gilbert Horrocks, of the U. S. Soil Conservation Service, and James A. Bird, of the Moon Lake Water Users Association. The April 1 report last year showed a snow depth of 43.0 inches, containing 14.2 inches of water. The water content of the snow on this course is a little over 92 per cent of the average for the past 11 years, the report indicated.

The April 1 report of snow and water conditions on the Lake Fork Mountain snow courses was made by Gregory L. Pearson, of the SCS, and Emmett Devine.

Their report on the snow courses is as follows:

Upper course (elevation 10,500 ft.) — 44.2 inches of snow, with a water content of 12.4 inches. Last year on about Apr. 1, the snow depth was 35.4 inches with 9.3 inches of water. The 20-year average for this time of the year is 10.7 inches of water on the upper course.

Middle course (elevation 8,900 ft.) — 27.5 inches of snow, containing 8.9 inches of water. The 1953 report shows a snow depth of 15.0 inches with 4.3 inches of water.

Lower course (elevation 8,100 ft.) — 22.1 inches of snow, containing 7.6 inches of water. Last year, the snow depth of 2.9 inches contained 0.5 inches of water.

Ice Cream Shop May Be Ready For Easter Sunday

Co-owners of the ice cream drive-in in Duchesne hope to have the new business establishment opened for trade by Easter. Site of the building, now under construction, is on the corner directly west of the Utah Oil Service Station on U. S. Highway 40. Gilbert Horrocks and Ned Fairbanks are co-owners and partners in the new business venture. Tentative name for the drive-in is "Polar Queen." All kinds of ice cream products, as well as long hot dogs, hamburgers and barbeque sandwiches are planned for sale to drive-in customers.

Exterior of the drive-in will be white stucco with blue trim.

P-TA Charts Final Meeting April 19

The Duchesne P-TA will hold its last meeting of the school term, Monday, April 19. Election of officers for a new term is the main item on the business slate for the evening meeting.

STAKE PRIMARY TO MEET NEXT SUNDAY

The monthly stake Primary Preparation meeting for the Duchesne stake will be held at the Stake Center next Sunday, April 11 at 2 p.m. All members who are supposed to attend are urged to be present to receive the instruction and council heard at the general conference last week. Other stake matters will be discussed.

WALT AND OSCARS . . . Walt Disney adds four new "Oscars" to his collection totaling 18, awarded him for movie cartoons, starting with "Mickey Mouse."

Duchesne Ward . . . Date Set For Easter Cantata

"Life Everlasting," Easter cantata by the Whittier ward choir of 45 members, under the direction of Martha Bertram, will be given in the Duchesne stake house April 16th, 1954, at 7:00 p.m. An invitation is extended to all stake, ward, and music lovers in the Basin to come and enjoy this lovely music treat. . . It is free.

Mrs. Grace Hale, Mrs. Sylvia Abbott, Mrs. Arwella Moon, Mrs. Elsie Gunter attended the meeting of the Daughters of the Utah Pioneers while in Salt Lake.

Local Pea Canning Sign-Up Offers Encouragement For A New Industry

165 Acres Reported From Tuesday Sign-up At Duchesne Conference

In a surprise move on Wednesday, March 31, the Ute Tribe in general conference at Fort Duchesne passed a resolution declaring the policy of the Congress and the Department of Interior should be to terminate as soon as possible the supervision of the Federal Government over the property and affairs of the Indian Tribes.

WINS SCIENCE AWARD . . . Dr. Lillian M. Gilbreth, 75, of Montclair, N. J., mother of "cheaper by the dozen family," is first woman to receive Washington Award for "outstanding contribution to engineering and scientific management and for unselfish devotion to handicapped."

Following the meeting held Friday at Duchesne with the officials of the Woods Cross Canning Co., a lot of work was done to stimulate farmers in this part of the basin to the extent they were willing to do a little gambling with a couple of acres of their ground each and try their luck at raising peas for canning. A meeting was held Monday in Roosevelt which was attended by approximately 100 farmers, most of whom were at Duchesne the following night to hear more about the program and sign for seed necessary to plant their land which they pledged.

The Roosevelt Chamber of Commerce was responsible for calling the Monday meeting at the Commercial Bank of Utah, and Cliff Memmott conducted it in the absence of its president, Paul Stringham. Information from the previous meeting at Duchesne was passed on to the farmers, with encouragement that they rally their neighbors to the cause and get a large group to attend the Tuesday meeting at Duchesne.

Robert Murdock conducted the meeting at Duchesne and represented the canning company in getting signatures on acreage pledges. He reports a total of 165 acres was signed for, and at least three, and possibly four, viners will be set up in the area from Strawberry on the west to Lapoint on the east, including Neola and perhaps the Whiterocks areas.

Seed has been ordered requiring between 3 and 4 bushels of seed to the acre. Farmers will begin immediately to prepare their land for planting, which should begin about April 15 in the lower areas, and about 15 days later in the upper country. Area representatives were selected by the group to serve as directors in a local association, whose responsibility it will be to make arrangements to move the viners into the Basin and set them up. The company will supply a field man to aid in planting and handling crops and to train a local man as a fieldman. They will also supply the mechanical force necessary to set up the viners, and train

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George D. Clyde To Explain Water Problems Apr. 12

For several weeks an attempt has been made to secure the services of George D. Clyde, director of the Utah Water and Power Board, to come to the Uintah Basin area to discuss water problems as they will involve the area, if, and when Echo Park and Central Utah projects become a reality.

According to Horace Allred, local water authority and member of the Twenty-One Counties board, who has arranged for Mr. Clyde's visit here, the date has been set for Monday, April 12. The time will be 8 p.m. and the American Legion Barracks will be the place of the meeting.

No definite program has been designed for the meeting, which will be open to the entire public, but the time rather will be used to answer questions pertaining to various and sundry water problems in the Basin. Mr. Clyde comes prepared to give a clear and accurate analysis of the major projects being considered for the Upper Colorado River. This subject no doubt will draw most of the time of Mr. Clyde, and people generally are urged to come with their questions.

Mr. Clyde was one of the witnesses at recent hearing in Washington on the Upper Colorado River, and is reputed to be one of the West's authorities on water matters.

Nominations For State School Board Are Planned

According to a notice originating in the office of Lamont F. Toronto, secretary of state, a nomination convention for District Four covering the counties of Wasatch, Uintah, Utah and Duchesne, will be held on Friday, April 16, at 4 o'clock pm. in the Wasatch Elementary School at 1080 North, 10th East, Provo. The purpose of the meeting will be to nominate candidates for the state school board vacancy that will occur at the end of this year.

Sherman Christensen, of Provo, has been designated as chairman of the meeting by Mr. Toronto.

Change In Myton Church Service

MYTON—Announcement last week stated that services would be conducted in the Myton Presbyterian church by Dr. Jacob Geerlings on April 11th. Dr. Geerlings will be unable to be in Myton on that date, but will hold services on April 25.

Resolution Seeks To Divide Uintah, Ouray Ute Tribes On Blood Basis

Petition Suggests Mixed Bloods Better Prepared To Assume Responsibility Than Fulls

There is no one who can predict whether the Uintah Basin will get a canning factory in 1955, but if enthusiasm continues throughout the summer and the approximately 150 acres of peas produce a rich yield, then it will be the officials of the canning company who will have backed down on a proposition.

The Resolution declared that the mixed bloods of the Uintah and Ouray Reservation are better prepared, educationally and otherwise, to assume full responsibility of citizenship than the full-bloods. It is the desire of the Ute Tribe to develop its long range program in conformity with the policy of the Congress and the Department of the Interior.

The Resolution declared it to be the policy of the Ute Tribe that there should be a division of assets of the Tribe between those Indians possessing ½ or more Ute Indian blood and those Indians possessing less than ½ Ute Indian blood. The Resolution provides that Indians possessing ½ or more Ute Indian blood may, by their own choice, before the division of the property, choose to become identified with and a part of the mixed bloods. The Resolution further declared it to be the policy of the full blood group to have full policy jurisdiction and responsibility over the persons and properties of full blood members of the Ute Indian Tribe and the mixed blood group shall have full policy jurisdiction and responsibility over the mixed blood group.

In order to carry out the purposes of the Resolution, a committee was created consisting of two persons from each of the Uintah, White River and Uncompahgre bands selected by the full blood members of the represented bands and three persons from the mixed blood group. The committee is charged with the responsibility and duty, with the approval of the Tribal Business Committee, of preparing plans for legislation embodying the principles of the Resolution. The long-range program shall be prepared for the full bloods by a committee from the full bloods and for the mixed bloods by a committee from the mixed bloods.

The Resolution was adopted by a vote of 152 for and eight against.

The mixed group held its first reorganization meeting on Thursday of last week.

Miner Falls To Death In Gilsonite Shaft

Funeral services were held Tuesday in the Vernal Second ward chapel, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, for Morris Durfee, 43, Vernal miner, who was killed Friday at about 8:45 a.m. when he fell into a shaft at the little Bonanza Gilsonite mine.

Mr. Durfee was working in the mine sacking gilsonite when he apparently stepped into the shaft while attempting to move a gilsonite car. He fell about 190 feet. The body was recovered from 17 feet of water.

The victim apparently died instantly of head injuries.

Picking Gilsonite

Lloyd Goodrich, a fellow worker, was working in the slope picking gilsonite and had been talking to Mr. Durfee about 15 minutes before he was discovered missing.

Morris Durfee was born July 1, 1910, a son of Edmond Franklin and Nancy Ellen Martix Durfee. He married Ella Wilkins Sept. 19, 1935, in the Salt Lake LDS Temple. He had been employed at the mine since last summer.

Survivors include the widow; two sons and three daughters, Reed, Grant, Loraine, Caroline and Joann, all of Vernal; four brothers and two sisters, Ralph and Fay Durfee, Leota; Franklin, American Fork; Jay Durfee, Mrs. Angeline Driggs and Mrs Olive Curfew, all of Salt Lake City.

Burial was in the Vernal Cemetery under the direction of the Vernal Mortuary.

Art Graham spent a few days with his family during the week.

DHS Studentbody Plans Final Dance Of Year

The last dance before graduation at the Duchesne High school this term is being sponsored by the Senior class Friday night at the school gymn.

The "Senior Hop" is under the direction of class officers, Marlene Brown, president; Gary Combs, vice-president; Maxine Birch, secretary, and Carol Ann Brady, reporter.

Other Senior class members aiding in this affair are Jay Abbott, Keith Rowley, Ronald Adley, Jerry Burdick, Mona Dee Liddell, Ge Neal Partridge, Colene Bench and Helen Merkley.

Wagstaff's orchestra from Tabiona is the dance orchestra. The public is cordially invited.

Ioka Dairyman Is Director Of Group

At a meeting held Thursday, March 25, at the county agent's office in Roosevelt, under the direction of Max Bowles, field supervisor for the Cache Valley Breeding Ass'n., John (Reed) Lemon, of Ioka, was selected to serve as a director on the board of directors for the Cache Valley Breeding Association. Selected as an alternate to Mr. Lemon was Marv Bell, of Arcadia.

Mr. Lemon was a key man in organizing an artificial breeding unit in the Roosevelt area in 1951, and since that time has served as committee chairman. Through his efforts many problems in the new organization were ironed out, and he has worked tirelessly in developing the program.

JOHN R. LEMON, recently was named a director in the Cache Valley Breeding Ass'n. He has been actively engaged in promoting artificial breeding in the Roosevelt area since 1951.

Two New Church Leaders Sustained Tuesday

One of the general authorities of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, George Q. Morris, was elevated from an assistant, to the Council of the Twelve Apostles, at the morning session of the final day of the general conference, April 6. The new apostle has been serving as an assistant to the Twelve since 1951, having been appointed while serving as president of the Eastern States mission.

Taking the place of Elder Morris as an assistant to the Twelve, will be Sterling W. Sill, a prominent insurance exeutive and long-time church worker and leader.

Both the new church officials were called to take their place on the rostrum along with other leaders of the church during the morning session on Tuesday, and each addressed the conference at that meeting. They pledged ther devotion and lives to the service of the Lord and called for unity and cooperation of the entire membership of the church in furthering His work upon the earth. Elder Morris filled the vacancy caused by the death of Elder Matthew W. Cowley recently.

County 4-H Group Plans Fitting Show Day April 10

Duchesne County 4-H Association has plans nearly completed for a special Fitting and Show day of beef, dairy and sheep, to be held at the County Fair Grounds in Duchesne on April 10th.

According to Robert Murdock, county agent, the activities will begin at 10 a.m. at which time boys in the 4-H program will be shown how to fit and trim animals for the show ring. The afternoon will be devoted to showing and judging livestock that is brought to the Fair Grounds.

All parents and friends of 4-H clubbers are invited and urged to attend the special program in Duchesne on April 10. Mr. Murdock encourages those coming to the affair to bring a sack lunch.

It takes Nature 400 to 1,000 years to build 1 inch of topsoil.

Activity Is Plentiful At Duchesne LDS Seminary

A summary of specila activities by the Duchesne Latter-day Saints Seminary for the 1953-54 school year has been listed by C. Wayne Hansen, Seminary principal.

This school year, the Duchesne Seminary has been invited to take programs to Arcedia, Duchesne and Bridgeland wards for the Sacrament services.

The Church History class took a program to Bridgeland. Theme of the talks and musical numbers centered around the first ten years of the Latter-day Saints history Speakers were Marie Fausett, Judy Halladay and Amanda Swasey. Vocal solos were sung by Dorothy Hayes and Helen Merkley. Amanda Swasey played a piano solo. Judy Halladay, Louise Liddell and Principal Hansen sang, "An Angel From On High."

The Old Testament class presented a program at the Duchesne ward centering around Abraham, Moses and the United Kingdom of Israel. Talks were given by Maxine Lewis, Colleen Pulley and Chyrl Merrell. A poem was recited by Darlene Brady. Musical selections included a girls' trio, with singers Chyrl Merrell, Arlene Hadden and LeAnn Jordan, and a duet by Joyce and Chloe Mecham.

The New Testament class took a program to the Arcadia ward. Built around the life of Jesus, it featured talks by Leneta Nielsen, Julia Firth, Veola Sweat, Weldon Brown and Winton White. Musical numbers included two songs by a chorus of the whole class, a vocal duet by Julia Firth and Veola Sweat, and a male sextet composed of Weldon Brown, Winton White, Elmon Clement, Jessup Johnsen, Kloyd Marsing and Principal Hansen. The accompanist was Betty Jo Jacoby, who, though not a member of the class, graciously helped with her talent.

It is planned to take a program to the Fruitland branch in April and to Utahn in May, if the latter can be arranged.

Duchesne Seminary officers for the final quarter were elected last week, as follows: second period—Lloyd Lewis, Ann Broadhead and Beryle Bates; third period—Orin Barker, Sanford Stocks and Gary Robb.... fourth period—Viola Hayes and Weldon Brown; sixth period — Virginia Granger and Chyrl Morrell; seventh period—Dorothy Hayes and Lorna Wilson.

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Water Supply Reported Above Average

The April 1 snow survey indicates better than average water supply for the snow courses on the east Uintah Mountains, Grant Parrish, Unit Conservationist, reports.

Snow Course	1954 Snow Depth	.Wat. Cont.	10-Yr. Av. Snow Depth	Wat. Cont.	% Av. Wat. Cont.
Mosby Mountain	45.0	13.0	49.0	10.4	125
Paradise Park	52.2	15.6	42.6	11.8	140
Kings Cabin (lower)	40.6	10.7	32.0	9.5	113
Kings Cabin (upper)	52.43	13.45	36.0	10.2	130

Nine inches of new snow fell during March on all courses. The soil is moist under the snow.

Gilbert Horrocks, Soil Conservation Service, Howard McKela and Ramon Pfeffer, of the Forest Service, made the survey.

Uintah Basin Activities Days Now Underway

The annual Uintah Basin Activities Days program opened Wednesday, April 7, with the vocal section at the Duchesne High School. This program featured solo numbers, duets, trios, quartets, sextets from Uintah Basin High Schools. Lloyd N. Beckstead, Jr., music department instructor at the Duchesne High School, was in charge of this section of the program.

Schools participating in the annual contests were Altamont, Duchesne, Roosevelt Jr. High, Tabiona, Uintah and Union.

Second phase of the activities will be held at the Roosevelt Jr. High School, Monday, April 12, featuring instrumental contests, under the direction of Lawrence Lee, music instructor at Roosevelt Jr. High. This program is scheduled to begin at 6:30 p.m. and continue until all instrumental soloists and small ensembles registered in the contest have performed.

On April 15, the speech section of the Uintah Basin Activities Days will be held at Altamont, and the following day, April 16, is the main day for the program when parade of bands, Pep clubs, and other groups will highlight the activities. This portion of the program is also at Altamont.

The sports part of the program is scheduled to be held at Uintah High School in Vernal on April 17.

All events of Activities Days are open free to the public.

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Signals to be given at least 100 feet before you turn, consist of the arm out and upward for a right turn; arm extended straight out for a left turn; and arm out and downward for a stop or decrease in speed. Signals, to be useful, must be made before you start the turn.

The horn on your car is another signal — to be used for warning purposes — and it is not intended to take the place of the brake.

Fish & Game Will Meet April 12; To Plan Seminar

The monthly meeting of the Duchesne Fish & Game Ass'n. will be held Monday night, April 12, at the school farm shop.

Preliminary plans for the annual conservation seminar, to be held in May, are to be made at this meeting.

Two films will be shown as part of the program. The film titles are "Twilight to New York" and "Flight to California."